



# Eddington Newsletter

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## Welcome to a NEW issue of the Eddington Newsletter!!!

Welcome to a new issue of the Eddington Newsletter!! Why a town newsletter? There are several reasons for having a town newsletter. Not everyone has the time to stop by the Town Office to see what is happening in our town. This newsletter will help keep you updated with what is going on in our town. The Selectmen/Selectwomen meetings, Planning Board meetings, Historical Society meetings and School Board meetings to name a few. Upcoming events in the town and at Comins Hall. Not to mention yard sale regulations and the ability to register your vehicles, boats, motorcycles, wave runners, ATV's etc. at the Town Office. You can also get your fishing or hunting licenses at the Town Office, beats going downtown to register and apply for licenses. You can also apply for your hunting and fishing licenses online.

Do you know all the hunting seasons and what time frames you can hunt? Further in this issue will be a list of those sea-

sons. Did you know you can actually hunt skunk? (pg. 3)

How about the Town of Eddington turning 200 in the year 2011. What about all those flags hanging off the telephone poles. (See the article on pg 2 of this issue.)

I've listed a few reasons to have a town newsletter. This has been a goal of mine to keep our community informed and the benefits of a small town. I'm publishing this issue on my own time and every issue will be approved by the Town selectmen before it is sent to the press. To save money and time we would like to offer this newsletter to you in three different ways. Emailed to your personal Email box (rest assured your Email address will not be shared), accessible through the Town's web site at [eddingtown-maine.gov](http://eddingtown-maine.gov) or by regular mail. Please send Email to [eddington-news@roadrunner.com](mailto:eddington-news@roadrunner.com) to let me know how you would like to receive your newsletter. Please included your real name and address in the Email. If there is no reply we will automatically



Name the Eddington Newsletter contest. See page 3 for details.

mail you your issue. My hope, to start, is to publish this newsletter quarterly. January, April, July and October.

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, please send Email to the address below for more details.

Feed back on the newsletter is welcome and appreciated. Please send your comments to the following email box [eddington-news@roadrunner.com](mailto:eddington-news@roadrunner.com) or send real mail to: Town of Eddington, Attention: Eddington Newsletter, 906 Main Road, Eddington, ME 04428



be open at certain times for the public to visit and browse historical artifacts and local unique Eddington Information.

We are in the process of looking for or building a structure, small in size, yet large enough to serve the intended purpose. To take on the physical appearance or character of a historical building,

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## Eddington Historical Society By Richard Bowden, President & KAClark

The Eddington Historical Society has been working diligently toward the basic philosophy contained in the opening statement in our Mission Statement you will find at the end of this article.

We have made measurable progress over the past 3 years by providing the community with periodic newsletters to capture our history that have been very well received and have created historical calendars with old photos that have been great sellers. You can purchase

these calendars at the Town Office for \$10. In preparation to be able to actually collect, preserve & make accessible items of historical significance, we have established ourselves as a non-profit corporation in the State of Maine.

The members of the Historical Society have had for some time now, a long term goal of acquiring a building to house historical data, conduct historical education seminars and

### Numbers to Remember

- 3 !Fire/Police/Emergency 911
- 3 !Fire Station Non-Emergency 843-5251
- 3 !Police Non-Emergency 947-4585
- 3 !Fire Warden 843-5251
- 3 !Fire Chief & Fire Marshall James Ellis 843-5251
- 3 !Animal Control Officer Joseph Murphy 945-4636
- 3 !Eddington Post Office 843-6519
- 3 !Bradley Post Office 827-6532



## A Message from the Town Manager

By Russell Smith

I would like to welcome you to our first issue of the Eddington Town Newsletter. This is an opportunity to keep in touch with the citizens of Eddington. Your input about this newsletter is greatly appreciated.

It is an honor serving the Town of Eddington and its citizens. I would encourage the citizens of Eddington to become involved in municipal government. Your input is greatly appreciated. I

would encourage any citizens who would like to serve on the various boards or committees to please let the Town Office know.

This past year has seen a lot of changes for a lot of people as the economy and stock market took a downfall. We will strive to work together neighbor helping neighbor to get through this rough time. There are programs available to help in different

situations to those in need. One can call 2-1-1 for information or contact the Town Office.

I would like to thank the Office staff, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Code Enforcement, Cemetery Board, Holbrook Recreation, School Board, Historical Society and all the other committees that work so hard for the Town.



Visit the Town Office for community information brochures.

## Selectman's Message

By Joan Brooks, Eddington Selectwoman Chair

In Maine there are 493 plantations, Indian nations, towns and cities with five basic forms of municipal government. Municipal government carries out the legislative, executive, and judicial functions. For more than 300 years the traditional form of local government has been the town meeting. Once a year the citizens of the town gather to decide important issues facing the town. Approximately 40% (195 municipalities) use the town meeting - selectperson form of government.

The town meeting serves as the legislative body of the local government where the citizens pass any laws needed for the orderly governance of the town, approve a budget, levy the taxes, and elect various town officers including

the selectpersons. Selectpersons perform the executive function by administering, enforcing, and carrying out the decisions made at the town meeting

Municipal officers must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the state, and a registered voter in the town in which they serve. There is no particular level of education or experience required to qualify as a municipal officer. Selectpersons serve as "part-time employees" and receive a minimal stipend as compensation for their time and efforts. In addition to the time spent at the meetings selectpersons may spend considerable time meeting with the town manager and others concerning the business of the town.

In addition to the elected municipal officers some towns (approximately 28 % or 136) have adopted the town meeting-selectperson-town manager form of government. The town manager is hired by the Board of Selectpersons and becomes the full-time daily administrator of the town. The need for a town manager is due to the increasingly complex daily operations of the town, especially since numerous state and federal laws have been passed which affect the management of the towns. Eddington has had a town manager for a number of years.

In Eddington there are five elected selectpersons who each serve a three year term. There must be at least three members present to take any action at a meeting and no single selectperson has any more authority than the others. The Board regularly conducts a public meeting on the

third Tuesday of the month (the 1st as needed) to act on the towns business. The Chairperson of the Board is elected annually by the members of the Board and acts as a moderator who is charged with conducting the meetings in an orderly and effective manner.

The municipal officers are not required by statute to post an agenda or keep minutes of the meetings. Rules of procedure are followed at the selectpersons' meetings to maintain order and ensure due process is afforded to an applicant when the board is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity of a permit application or hearing an appeal. There is also no statute that allows the public to speak at a meeting. However the Eddington Board of Selectpersons does use an agenda at all of its meetings which includes two periods when the public may speak. The meetings are also tape recorded and written minutes are kept for the permanent

## Eddington's Bicentennial is Happening in 2011

The Town of Eddington will be celebrating its 200th Birthday in the year 2011, only three years away. The Town of Eddington was incorporated February 22, 1811. We are looking for volunteers who would like to serve on this committee to start planning for the event. If you are interested please send Email to [eddington-news@roadrunner.com](mailto:eddington-news@roadrunner.com) or contact the town office at 843-5233



Eddington is turning 200 years old!

## American Flag Program "Flags Across America"

The Town of Eddington is participating in the American Flag Program. Flags will be flown from May 1st to October 1st each year on the Main Roads in the town. The Galen Cole Foundation donated 24 flags with the town matching 24 flags. If anyone would like to sponsor a flag they are \$38.00. You can sponsor a flag in honor of someone who is

living, someone who has served in the service or in memory of someone who has passed on. It will be a sight to behold. Help in this program for "Flags Across America".



## What's Happening Around The Town?

The Farmer's Market is starting up on Sunday, July 5th, from 10 am—1 pm, at the Eddington Town Office parking lot. This will continue throughout the summer months. If you have items you would like to sell, send Email to

eddington -

news@roadrunner.com Currently they are looking for a baker.

Clifton Town Library-Located at the Clifton Town Office. Open on Wednesday's from 1:30 pm to 7 pm. This is open to Eddington residents. In progress is a book club. If interested, a sur-

vey is being conducted, to be a part of that survey and the book club, send an E-mail to

eddington -  
news@roadrunner.com



What is the name of the last book that you read?

## Historical Society (Cont.)

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possible resembling an old school building or a meeting house of times past.

We are the link from the past and are responsible to ensure that our past history is preserved for future generations. Once that history is lost, it can

never be replaced.

### Mission Statement:

The Eddington Historical Society exists to collect, preserve and make accessible any items of historical significance to the Town of Eddington & surrounding areas. To accomplish the

Society's mission effectively, we are committed to:

I. Retaining existing members & attracting new members.

II. Maintaining open communication with other entities as appropriate.

III. Collecting, preserving and making accessible any materials of historical significance

IV. Stimulating interest in the Town's past.

V. Undertaking the preservation of historic buildings, monuments and markers.

We meet monthly at the Town Office, on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## 911 House Numbering Project

The Town of Eddington is partnering with the Penobscot County Triad in arranging to have as many homes numbered as possible. Triad is a volunteer non-profit senior organization whose primary mission is the safety of seniors. These signs, which meet the 911 standards, are being manufactured at low cost by inmates at the Penobscot County Jail. You may choose to purchase just the reflective numbers, single sided (on a strong aluminum backer) for \$6.00 to be applied in a highly visible

location near your front door or at the end of the driveway. A Mailbox sign and bracket for \$9.00 with hardware. Or you can choose a one single sided sign with post and bolt for \$9.00 or the two single sided signs with post and bolt for \$12.00. These signs can be ordered at the Town Office.

What better gift can we give our parents or ourselves than this critical life saving home identification? If due to a disability or other reason, you will experience difficulty in installing the sign, please make the Town Office aware. A firefighter or public safety official will be glad to assist you.

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## Hunting Seasons

Crow	Aug 1—Sept 30
Bear	Aug 31-Nov 28
Bear w/bait	Aug 31-Sept 26
Bear w/dogs	Sept 14-Oct 30
Moose (By lottery)	Various
Snowshoe Hare	Oct 1-Mar 31
Raccoon	Oct 1-Dec 31
Fox	Oct 19-Feb 28
Skunk	Oct 19-Dec 31
Opossum	Oct 19-Dec 31
Deer	Nov 2-Nov 28
Bobcat	Dec 1-Feb 14
Visit: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/ifw/.com">www.maine.gov/ifw/.com</a> for more details	

## Name The Eddington Newsletter Contest

Yes, you read it right!! How about a name for the Eddington Newsletter? Something catchy, something simple, something easy to remember? The only word that must be included in the newsletter title is the word "EDDINGTON". We want it known which town is producing this informative newsletter for the citizens of Eddington, Maine. The contest deadline will be September 1st, 2009. This will be in time for the next issue. What will you win?? Pride in

being the person to name your town's newsletter. That's not all how about the following:

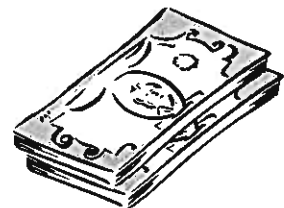
.. ! Clewey Farm Restaurant Gift Certificate for \$15.00  
[www.cleweyfarm.com](http://www.cleweyfarm.com)

.. ! 2 Tickets to Penobscot Theater Fall schedule (Your choice of performance \*except sell outs) worth \$80.00

.. ! Hand crocheted Afghan \$50.00 value

.. ! More Prizes to come.

Send your suggestions to [eddington-news@roadrunner.com](mailto:eddington-news@roadrunner.com), or mail your suggestion. (In case of duplication the first entry received will be submitted)



Your submission will be judged by the Town Selectmen/Selectwomen.



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### Next Issue:

- ▶ Planning Board & Code Enforcement General Information
- ▶ Eddington-Clifton Civic Center Happenings
- ▶ How about an Eddington Public Library?

## Meeting Dates To Remember

- **Town Selectmen's:**  
3rd Tuesday of the month  
@ 6:00 pm at the Eddington Town Office  
(1st Tuesday, if needed)
- **Planning Board:**  
2nd & 4th Tuesday's of the month @ 6:30 pm at the Eddington Town Office
- **The Eddington Historical Society:**  
Summer Months: 2nd Thursday's of the month at 6:30 pm at the Eddington Town Office  
[www.pasttimepublications.net](http://www.pasttimepublications.net) and [www.adams-re.com](http://www.adams-re.com)
- **SAD #63 School Board:**  
Normally the 4th Monday of the Month @ 6:30 pm (Unless it is a Holiday) The location rotates from the Eddington, Holden and Holbrook Schools. See the Web Site for details: [www.sad63.org](http://www.sad63.org)

## Contact Information

**Planning Board:**  
Tom Vanchieri, Chairman  
843-5233  
**Historical Society:**  
Richard Bowden, President  
989-5792  
**Comins Hall:** (Eddington-Clifton Civic Center)  
Margaret McKinney  
843-5838  
(Available for Rental)



### SPECIAL NOTICE:

The Eddington Town's Web Site is still a work in progress. We hope to have the site up and operational as soon as possible.

## MSAD #63 Contact Information

**Superintendent of Schools Office:**  
(5th—8th Grade)  
Interim Superintendent:  
Raymond Hart  
843-7851  
**Eddington School:**  
(Pre K-4th Grade)  
Principal: Don Spencer  
843-6010  
**Holden School:**  
(K-4th Grade)  
Principal: David Anderson  
843-7828  
**Holbrook Middle School:**  
(5th—8th Grade)  
Principal: Richard Modery  
843-7769  
**Brewer High School:**  
(9th-12th Grade)  
989-4140



Get Involved!  
Attend your various Town Meetings. You are the voice of the people.

**John Bapst Memorial High School:**  
(9th-12th Grade)  
947-0313  
**Bangor High School:**  
(9th-12 Grade)  
992-5500  
**United Technology Institute:**  
(10th-12 Grade Vocational School)  
Director: Fred Woodman  
942-5296